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FLAT OBJECTS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Preliminary Amendment

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: